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CONGRATULATIONS

To the Louisiana Communities of

**ASCENSION PARISH
HOUMA
LAKE CHARLES
TERREBONNE PARISH**

These four (4) communities recently earned improved Community Rating System (CRS) ratings.

The residents of these communities will be paying LESS for flood insurance. Premium reductions of at least five percent for new & existing policyholders are the result of actions taken by local officials in communities that participate in the CRS.

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LOUISIANA STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP), in cooperation with the State Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee (the Committee), is making great progress in the development of the *State of Louisiana Hazard Mitigation Plan* (the Plan). The Committee members include representatives of a variety of State agencies and organizations with an interest or mission that includes some aspect of hazard mitigation in the State of Louisiana. The Committee has been working since the spring of 2004 and anticipates completion and approval of the Plan by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in April of 2005.

The Plan is part of an overall strategy to reduce the risk of death, injury and property loss in the State and is required by the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 to maintain the eligibility of the State to receive valuable federal pre- and post-disaster funding assistance. The Plan addresses a range of natural hazards (e.g., flood, high winds, ice storm, storm surge, subsidence and wildfires). In addition, the Plan considers the effects of selected manmade hazards (e.g., dam and levee failure and hazardous material incidents).

The Plan includes vulnerability assessments and/or loss estimates on a statewide basis as well as for specific State-owned facilities. In addition, the Plan identifies goals, objectives and a mitigation action plan to guide future decision making and mitigation-related activities. One important aspect of the Plan is a proposed program of support for local communities and Parishes to facilitate better planning and implementation of mitigation projects at the community level where they are most effective.

For more information or to view the Plan visit the OHSEP website: www.ohsep.louisiana.gov



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June 11 – 17, 2005

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FEMA Seeks Partners for Collaborative Mapping Program

One of the key objectives of FEMA's Map Modernization Plan is to increase local involvement in, and ownership of, the flood mapping process. To meet this objective, FEMA created the Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) program to create partnerships between FEMA and state, local, and regional agencies that are interested in and capable of playing active roles in FEMA's Flood Hazard Mapping program.

As part of this ongoing project, FEMA continues to seek qualified partners to collaborate on the maintenance of up-to-date flood maps and other flood hazard information. Partners benefit from flood maps that are more accurate and current, improved hazard identification and risk management, shared best practices, and, ultimately, more efficient floodplain management.

For more information about the CTP program and how to become a partner, including the *Cooperating Technical Partners (CTP) Program Guidance Document for Fiscal Year 2004, Guidelines and Specifications for Flood Hazard Mapping Partners*, and a CTP self-assessment tool, visit http://www.fema.gov/fhm/ctp_main.shtm.

General questions about the CTP program can be addressed to the *FEMA Map Assistance Center* at (877) 336-2627. To subscribe to a monthly e-newsletter featuring CTP news and announcements, training opportunities, success stories, policy and procedure changes, and map modernization initiatives and funding, contact *Daphne Thornton* at (202) 646-4019 or daphne.thornton@dhs.gov.



LOUISIANA FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

2005 Conference Schedule

April 27 B April 29, 2005

Thibodaux, Louisiana

Howard Johnson Hotel - 985-447-9071

WEDNESDAY B APRIL 27, 2005

7:30 am – 1:00 pm Wetlands in the Fairway – “Sugarland Country Club” *Raceland, La.*
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Registration

SESSION I

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm Welcoming Address
Honorable Charles Caillouet, *Mayor of the City of Thibodaux*
2:15 pm – 2:45 pm Kermit Kraemer - Public Works Director, *City of Thibodaux*
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm Archie Chaisson - *Bayou Lafourche Water District*
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm BREAK
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Wendell Curole – *South Lafourche Levee District*
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Steve Villavaso – *Villavaso and Associates, LLC*
5:00 pm - Til WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL MIXER
[Networking at its best – FUN Flood Trivia]

THURSDAY – APRIL 28, 2005

8:30 am – 12:00 pm Registration
8:30 am – 9:00 am Coffee and Danish

SESSION II

9:00 am – 9:30 am Flood Zone Regulations
David Hiegel – *FEMA Region 6*
All of the Things You Should Know But Were Afraid to Talk About
9:30 am – 10:00 am Update on the NFIP Flood Insurance
Diana Herrera or Dorothy Martinez – *NFIP Region 6 Flood Insurance Division*
10:00 am – 10:30 am US Army Corps of Engineers Water Resources Programs
Katelyn Schneida – *New Orleans Corps of Engineers*
10:30 am – 10:45 am BREAK
10:45 am – 11:15 am FEMA Region 6 – MOD Team
Diane L. Calhoun – *Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.*
11:15 am – 11:45 am Flood Mitigation – FEMA Region 6
Greg Solovey – *FEMA Region 6*
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm LUNCH – KEYNOTE SPEAKER - TBA

SESSION III

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<u>US Army Corps of Engineers – Floodproofing & Retrofitting Program</u> Falcolm Hull – <i>New Orleans Corps of Engineers</i>
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<u>Louisiana: Coastal Erosion and Subsidence</u> Roy Dokka – <i>Louisiana State University</i>
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	BREAK
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	<u>2004 Repetitive Loss Bill</u> Tom Rodrigue & Mike Hunnicutt – <i>LFMA</i>
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm	<u>University of New Orleans’ Repetitive Flood Loss Project</u> Monica Ferris – <i>University of New Orleans</i>
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm	<u>The New Louisiana Office of Homeland Security</u> Jeff Smith – <i>Louisiana Office of Homeland Security</i>
5:30 pm – Til	HOSPITALITY COOKOUT

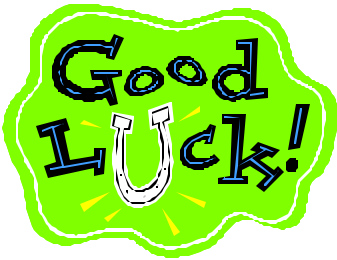
FRIDAY – APRIL 29, 2005

8:30 am – 9:00	Coffee and Danish
9:00 am – 9:30 am	<u>“NAI for New Developments or Setting BFE’s in Unnumbered A Zones”</u> Ted DeBaene – <i>Owen and White, Inc.</i>
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<u>Changes in the Community Rating System for 2005</u> Rodney Smith – <i>ISO, Inc.</i>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<u>New Louisiana Permit Officials’ Handbook</u> Cindy O’Neal – <i>Louisiana DOTD-Floodplain Management Section</i>
10:30 am – 11:15 am	<u>“Everything You Wanted To Know About Floodplain Management But Were Afraid to Ask”</u> LFMA Panel David Hiegel, <i>FEMA Region 6</i> Cindy O’Neal, <i>LA DOTD – Floodplain Section</i> James Demouchet, <i>Chairman LFMA</i> Pam Mattingly, <i>Floodplain Manager – Calcasieu Parish</i> Rod Emmer – <i>Executive Director of LFMA</i>
12:30 pm – 3:30 pm	CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER’S EXAM *

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***TO REGISTER FOR THE CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGER (CFM) EXAM CONTACT:**
[YOU MUST REGISTER BY APRIL 22, 2005]

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WE WOULD LIKE TO BID A FOND FAREWELL TO

PHIL ANDERSON

HE IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YRS. OF SERVICE WITH ISO

HE'S BEEN the LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) PARTICIPANTS

“WATCHDOG” & HAS DONE A WONDERFUL JOB
OF ASSISTING LOUISIANA COMMUNITIES



AT THE SAME TIME: WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME

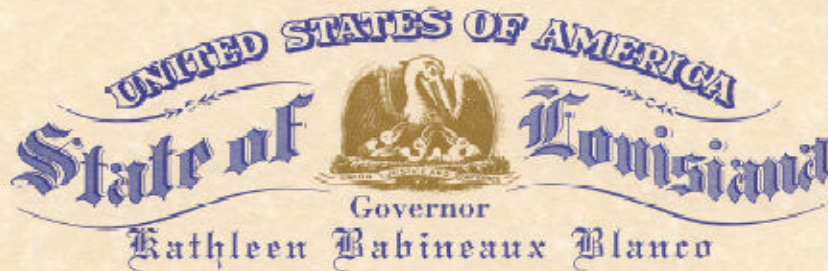
RODNEY SMITH, CFM

HE WILL BE THE NEW CRS “GURU”

RODNEY MAY BE CONTACTED AS FOLLOWS:

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The Governor of the State of Louisiana,
Kathleen Babineaux Blanco,
has proclaimed April, 2005 as Flood Awareness Month



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens annually purchase more than 335,000 flood insurance policies to protect their homes, businesses, and property; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana can anticipate annual floods in all regions of the state; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Louisiana citizens to be informed about flood damage-reduction practices citizens may implement to protect their homes, businesses, and property; and

WHEREAS, this information is available and must be shared.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2005, as

FLOOD AWARENESS MONTH

in the state of Louisiana, and I encourage all citizens to learn about and implement the many available practices that can reduce flood damage



Attest By
The Governor

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this*
the 3rd day of February
A.D., 2005

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor of Louisiana



Our goal is flood loss reduction . . .

We are here to provide any guidance needed to assure that NFIP regulations are carried out and violations prevented.

If you or someone you know would like to receive future copies of this newsletter please contact our office:

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